

In the Specification:

Before paragraph [0001] add the following new sub-headings and paragraph:

-- PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a U.S. national stage of application No. PCT/CH03/00226, filed on 04 April 2003. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) and 35 U.S.C. §365(b) is claimed from Swiss Application No. 633/02, filed 16 April 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

The invention is directed to a drying cabinet ~~of the type indicated in the preamble of claim 1~~ having an insert with horizontally arranged heating plates, and a cleaning device which can be inserted into the interior.

Please add before paragraph [0002] the following new sub-heading:

-- 2. Description of the Related Art --

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

A drying cabinet of ~~the type indicated in the preamble of claim 1~~ this type is known from ~~DE C1 198 08 408~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,076,274. Its upper wall has a pipe connection piece which can be closed in a vacuum-tight manner, a cleaning device being insertable into the interior of the drying cabinet through this pipe connection piece.

This cleaning device, which is driven by a motor, has jets or nozzles through which the cleaning fluid can be sprayed into the individual tiers of the drying cabinet. The jet of cleaning agent exits the nozzle horizontally. Because the nozzle is swivelable horizontally, the jet can also reach the corners of the interior of the drying cabinet.

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

~~US-A-4,732,172~~ U.S. Patent No. 4,732,172 discloses a washing device for transfer carts and ~~EP-A2-1 055 462~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,554,011 discloses a device for cleaning germination decks. Further, a drying device is known from ~~US-A-6,158,146~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,158,146.

Please add before paragraph [0008] the following new heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please delete paragraphs [0009] and [0010] in their entirety and insert the following paragraph:

According to the invention, the cleaning device includes a vertical carrier having a duct, and a plurality of support arms extending horizontally from the carrier into intermediate spaces formed by the heating plates and the top and bottom of the interior, each support arm having a cavity communicating with the duct. A plurality of spray arms are rotatably mounted on respective support arms, each spray arm having a plurality of nozzles connected to a respective cavity.

Please add before paragraph [0008] the following new heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add before paragraph [0017] the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

In Fig. 1, ~~which shows a vertical section through a drying cabinet with a view of a cleaning device, a drying cabinet in its entirety is designated by 1. This~~ a drying cabinet 1 comprises a housing cube 2 which is open on one side and which can be closed on the open side by a door 3. When the drying cabinet 1 is designed as a vacuum drying cabinet, a seal, not shown, is fastened to the door 3. The interior 4 of the drying cabinet 1 ~~is designated by 4. This interior 4~~ is subdivided by heating plates 5 which are designed as shelves upon which product trays 6 can be placed. These product trays 6 are removable. Therefore, they can be cleaned outside of the drying cabinet 1 in a particularly efficient manner. Only one of the product trays 6, that on the topmost heating plate 5, is shown. All product trays 6 are removed from the drying cabinet 1 when cleaning work is performed on the drying cabinet 1; for this reason, the one product tray 6 is indicated in dashed lines to show its position. The bottom of the drying cabinet 1 can also contain a heating plate 5.

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

A closable bore hole in the bottom of the drying cabinet 1 through which the cleaning agent can flow is known from ~~DE C1 198 08 408~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,076,274, but is not shown.